

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device (1) for electrically insulating electrodes, ~~particularly anodes (2) and cathodes (3)~~, used in the electrolytic cleaning of metals, from each other in an electrolytic tank (4), for distributing the electrodes as they are hanging in the electrolytic tank and for enabling the electrodes to be transferred, ~~characterized in that~~ the transfer and insulation device (1) is being made of one single piece.

2. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) is made of a chemically resistant and insulating material.

3. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) is made of plastic.

4. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 1 ~~– 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) is attached to ~~the~~ a suspension rod (5) of ~~the~~ an anode (2), one on both sides of the anode, essentially at an equal distance from the wall (10) of the electrolytic tank (4).

5. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the anode suspension rod (5) has a fastening point (14) for fastening the transfer and insulation device (1).

6. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) surrounds part of the anode suspension rod (5).

7. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to ~~claim 1-6, characterized in that~~ claim 4, wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) only extends over a part of the width of the anode (2).

8. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to ~~claim 1-7, characterized in that~~ claim 4, wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) is provided with a grip lug (17) for enabling the electrode to be transferred.

9. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is arranged in the suspension rod (5) of the anode (2) so that the grip lug (17) extends towards the middle part of the anode.

10. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to claim 8 or 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grip lug (17) is provided with an inclined part (18) for adjusting the position of the gripping hooks transferring the electrode.

11. (currently amended) A transfer and insulation device according to ~~claim 1-10, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the transfer and insulation device (1) includes a distribution element (15) for insulating adjacent electrodes from each other.